account the plateued production in Punjab-Haryana and other environmental reasons. In view of stagnating foodgrain production and increasing consumption need of growing population, National Development Council, in its 53rd Meeting adopted a resolution to enhance the production of rice, wheat and pulses by 10, 8 and 2 million tonnes, respectively by 2011-12. To operationalize the resolution, the Government is contemplating a Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'National Food Security Mission' including wheat.

Farms deprived of modern science and technology in M.P.

†601. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the farmers in Madhya Pradesh are deprived of modern science and technology;

(b) whether the Government of Madhya Pradesh has forwarded a proposal of Rs. 2700 lakhs to the Central Government to provide sufficient scientific and technical know-how to the farmers; and

(c) if so, by when the said amount would be provided to the Madhya Pradesh Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Neither the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation or the Department of Agricultural Research and Education of the Ministry of Agriculture nor the Department of Science and Technology of the Government of India has received any such proposal for Rs. 2700 lakhs.

(c) Does not arise.

PM's RKVY intiative

602. SHRI SANJAY RAUT:
SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister has announced a Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana of Rs. 30,000 crores initiative to provide incentives to various States for their better farm performance; and

(b) the details of the scheme and the *modus-operandi* of the financial arrangement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) The National Development Council's resolution dated the 29th May, 2007 has identified the need for introducing a new Additional Central Assistance scheme to be administered by the Ministry of Agriculture to incentivize the States to draw up plans for their agriculture sector more comprehensively. The scheme is being formulated, and it is proposed to have an outlay of Rs. 25,000 crore during the Eleventh plan period for the scheme.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.